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"The time is always right to do what is right."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

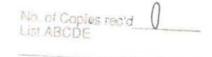
Re: Docket WT 11-65

Proposed Transfer of Control of T-Mobile USA, Inc. and Its Subsidiaries from Deutsche Telekom AG to AT&T Inc.

I am writing you in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile, USA (hereinafter "T-Mobile"). I am in agreement with many state governors who have expressed their support in that by allowing the merger to go through, consumers will indeed benefit. Existing wireless networks will be expanded and improved, allowing residents, businesses, schools and public safety better access to the next-generation mobile broadband technology or LTE.

On February 10, 2011 President Obama unveiled plans to have 98 percent of the nation connected to the Internet within five years. This includes access for the ever-increasing smartphone and tablet computers. Like many others have expressed, I believe approval of the merger between AT&T and T-Mobile will help reach the President's ambitious goal of getting as much of the United States connected to the Internet as possible. More Americans will be able to access quality Internet speeds, which will also improve commerce.

Media reports suggested that T-Mobile's parent company has no plans to upgrade its infrastructure anytime soon. Those who presently have T-Mobile as their carrier would lose out on the benefit of having 4G LTE connectivity.



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As Governor Dean of Georgia wrote, "Being able to connect to the global world is no longer a luxury but a necessity for our businesses and consumers." Imagine the vast amount of opportunities that would open up for those in more rural areas of America. By approving the proposed deal, you would open up opportunities for those in rural America who are not as fortunate to have access to wireless broadband.

AT&T has indicated that they plan to roll out LTE to 80 percent of the country, but if they are able to leverage T-Mobile assets, they will be able to increase that to 97 percent of the country. Best of all, there is no taxpayer monies involved in this merger; it is purely a private sector initiative -- one that will benefit millions of Americans.

In closing, I encourage you to support the merger of AT&T and T-Mobile.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: None